Heisman candidate

Baker Mayfield was announced as a Heisman Trophy finalist the same day he returned to Arkansas for the Burlsworth Trophy ceremony.

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High court allows travel ban while challenges move ahead

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WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday allowed the Trump administration to fully enforce a ban on travel to the United States by residents of six mostly Muslim countries.

This is not a final ruling on the travel ban: Challenges to the policy are winding through the federal courts, and the justices themselves ultimately are expected to rule on its legality.

But the action indicates that the high court might eventually approve the latest version of the ban, announced by President Donald Trump in September. Lower courts have continued to find problems with the policy.

White House spokesman Hogan Gidley said the White House is "not surprised by today's Supreme Court decision permitting immediate enforcement of the president's proclamation limiting travel from countries presenting heightened risks of terrorism."

Opponents of this and previous versions of the ban say they show a bias against Muslims. They say that was reinforced most recently by Trump's retweets of anti-Muslim videos.

"President Trump's anti-Muslim prejudice is no secret. He has repeatedly confirmed it, including just last week on Twitter. It's unfortunate that the full ban can move forward for now, but this order does not address the merits of our claims,"

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Moving out

Oklahoma Department of Corrections inmates and their belongings are moved out of the Ivanhoe and Cameo halfway houses operated by Catalyst Behavioral Services at 415 NW 8 in Oklahoma City. [PHOTOS BY CHRIS LANDSBERGER, THE OKLAHOMAN]

State cancels OKC halfway house contract

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The Department of Corrections has abruptly ended a contract with Catalyst Behavioral Services after years of issues at a downtown Oklahoma City halfway house and the death of an inmate who walked away from the work-release residential site last month.

Inmates loaded boxes into Corrections Department trucks and piled into buses Monday morning as all 106 headed to other halfway houses. About half of the inmates have jobs and will remain in the area. Some were moved to a Department of Corrections site in Alva.

"I don't like doing this, but halfway houses are a tough business to be in. The department has been, for years, at wit's end trying to corral our halfway houses," said Director Joe Allbaugh, who stood outside the facility with other agency officials.

Catalyst Behavioral Services CEO Joe Johnston could not be reached for comment Monday.

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A bus is loaded up as Oklahoma Department of Corrections inmates are moved out of halfway houses operated by Catalyst Behavioral Services located in downtown in Oklahoma City.

3 major OKC road contracts awarded

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Monday was a banner day for Oklahoma City highway projects as the state Transportation Commission awarded contracts to improve I-35 traffic flow at the Dallas junction and complete the Oklahoma City Boulevard near downtown.

The commission also awarded a contract to complete in northwest Oklahoma City the widening of State Highway 74 (Portland Avenue) from just north of NW 164 Street to NW 206 Street (Covell Road).

Dallas junction

The Dallas junction project wasn't the most expensive project awarded Monday, but it may have been the most important for the money, Oklahoma Department of Transportation Executive Director Mike Patterson told commissioners Monday.

The Dallas junction is the junction just east of downtown Oklahoma City where Interstate 35, Interstate 235 and Interstate 40 come together.

Northbound I-35 traffic currently narrows to one lane as it links with I-40, and westbound traffic on I-40 currently narrows to one lane as it turns south onto I-35.

The $5 million contract awarded Monday to Sherwood Construction Co. of Tulsa calls for widening all the one-lane stretches to two lanes throughout the junction.

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Loving God, You shine a light in the dark corners of our lives, beckoning us to come. Amen.

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